(*b*) whether due to the want of the materials referred to in part (*a*), State Transport buses which go out of order during the journey have to be on the roads in out-of-town places for hours together causing very serious inconvenience to the passengers ;

(*c*) whether private bus owners are legally compelled to provide them with spare tyre and tools during the journey; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for exempting the Transport buses from the provisions of such rules *i. e.*, to provide them with spare tyres, tools, pumps, etc. ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No. Except in Express and the Quilon-Shencottah line.

(*b*) No. A long delay on the road is generally due to serious mechanical trouble which cannot be remedied by simple tools.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) It is not considered advisable to entrust the drivers with the responsibility of attending to mechanical repairs.

Trivandrum Broadcasting station.

4. **Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Will the Government be pleased to state the total expenditure incurred in establishing the Trivandrum broadcasting station?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai: Rs. 1,16,896-1-6 up to the end of 9/118.

Installation of electric lights in mofussil towns.

5. **Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether, in view of the shortage of kerosene oil, they have received applications from the people of small towns and country parts for the installation of electric wires with a view to lighting ;

(*b*) if so, the number of applications and the names of places from which they came ; and

(*c*) the decisions made by Government thereon?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Applications have been received from inhabitants of places like Vaikom, Chengannoor, Monkombu, Pulincunnoo, Thiruvella, Attingal etc.

(*c*) Extension of the supply of electric power to these places will be considered as soon as materials become available.

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